

• Abroad •

Nairobi, Kenya. In a letter questioning whether universal direct suffrage is immediately possible in Kenya, and reflecting on the Cyprus solution, Mr. Ewart S. Grogan comments: "Whereas Greeks and Turks have been mingling with one another in the very cradle of civilization for a few thousand years, in my lifetime in East Africa Kenya was a land of undiluted savagery even if today a remarkable and likeable young African [Tom Mboya], son of a naked fisherman, is under the aegis of a widow of a President of the United States asking for 'undiluted democracy today.' Kenya despite its economic advance is still substantially a motley medley of folk ranging from retired colonial governors; banking, insurance, mercantile tycoons; peripatetic boffins; Masai, whose standard diet is milk laced with blood tapped from the neck of their oxen; Kikuyu, who in moments of tribal hysteria pep themselves with spoonfuls of baby's brains; to Somalis and the northern cattle people who regard the Bantu tribes as sub-human. To reduce the consequent discordant arpeggio of political chatter to harmony is obviously some problem."

London, England. Rising in the House of Commons during the April 27 debate, Aneurin Bevan, who will be the British Foreign Minister if the Labor Party wins the forthcoming General Election, declared: "If this party is returned to power we shall stop all hydrogen bomb and atom bomb tests at once. [Opposition—i.e., Labor Party—cheers.] We shall not be influenced by the technical or political situation which we find when we assume office. This is a solemn undertaking from which we will not flinch."

Bonn, Germany. Neither the German Government nor the NATO commanders have made any progress in unraveling the disturbing mystery of the April 21 bombing raid on Grosse Knechtsand. At least 45 bombs were dropped from the air, with considerable damage, on an area supposed to be under continuous guard by all the latest electronic devices. There is a total blank in intelligence. No one knows whose planes they were, where they came from and where they went. All the Western commands deny everything. German opinion, in its present rather anti-British mood, blames the RAF, but the RAF has issued five denials.

Shanghai, Red China. The results of the People's Commune system, after the first great spurt of enthusiasm a year ago, have been so catastrophic both socially and economically that revisions are now being introduced. Some of these are reminiscent of the "temporary concessions" of the New Economic Policy in Russia that softened the regime of "War Communism" which the Kronstadt uprising had shown to have become literally intolerable. A show-piece Commune is to be developed in an area near Shanghai. The plans seem to have been drawn up by an admirer of Thomas More, and modeled on the

mathematical organization of the communities in *Utopia*. There is the same geometric division of areas; and in place of More's regimentation in the ascending scale of Sychophrants, Triglyphs, Philarchs, Archphilarchs and Princes, the Chinese adaptation provides:

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| 100 households | |
| (= 500 persons) | = 1 living group |
| 4 living groups | = 1 work team |
| 5 work teams | = 1 residential district |
| 7 to 10 residential | = 1 agro-town |

London, England. The left-wing *New Statesman*, in an editorial entitled "Coming Apart at the Seams," makes the following estimate of the present situation in the White House: "Even [Mr. Eisenhower's] personal staff is divided. Some of them look to Mr. Nixon, as do certain members of the Cabinet and the National Security Council. A few, already, are Rockefeller men, and others simply dislike Mr. Nixon—among whom must be numbered General Persons, Mr. Hagerty and other protégés of the Dewey wing of the Republicans. These are the men who promoted the Eisenhower-for-President movement, who guided him through his first term, and who took control when he had his first illness. Through Sherman Adams they ran the White House, and through the Dewey machine they have run the Republican Party. Only the thought that a heart's-beat separated Nixon from the automatic succession has kept them moderately civil to the ambitious Californian. Mr. Herter, too, comes from that stable."



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"I promised my wife to be very careful and to chase only cars that are doing less than sixty."

Andorra, Andorra. This tiny republic in the Pyrenees has flourished like the bay tree since Tangiers lost its free international status two years ago through incorporation into Morocco. A transient population of 2,000 foreigners has been added to the 6,000 natives. Many of these are currency manipulators from Tangiers; and they are supposed, among other transactions, to have arranged many of the illegal transfers of Spanish funds to Switzerland that recently blew up into international scandal. The natives need little instruction in smuggling, which has always been an Andorran specialty. Several new luxury hotels and shops have opened.

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